GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3308
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2008
STRATEGY TO COUNTER TERRORISM IN J & K
Rana Shri Kashi Ram;Vasava Shri Mansukhbhai D.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any strategy to counter terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir being sponsored by our neighbouring countries;

(b) if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision to take necessary action for destruction of terrorist camps being run in the Kashmir Valley;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to check such activities in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The Government has been pursing a comprehensive and multifaceted strategy to counter the terrorist activities in the State. This includes intensive surveillance on the border/LOC to check infiltration, establishment of comprehensive counter insurgency grid in the state, continuous information/intelligence based operations against the terrorists by the State police and Central Security Forces/Agencies, attention towards ensuring minimum collateral damage in operations, attentions to issues related to human rights and simultaneous emphasis on atomization of the developmental and Governmental processes.

(c) to (e): As a part of the above strategy, action is being taken on continuous basis to locate and neutralize terrorist hide outs. As reported by the State Government, apart from a large number of terrorists having been apprehended / killed in operations, 97, hide outs of terrorists were busted during the year 2007.

(f): The Central Government in tandem with the State Government has adopted a multi-round approach to contain cross border terrorism / infiltration in J&K. This includes strengthening of border management and multi-tiered & multi-modal establishment along the border/LOC, construction of border fencing, continuous upgradation of the state police and central forces through improved weaponry, surveillance and communication equipments, use of technology, sharing of intelligence and operational cooperation between the various agencies involved in counter terrorism operations in the State. The situation is being closely and periodically reviewed both at the level of the Central Govt. and the State Governments through the Unified Headquarters, set up under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir.